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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of February 19, 2002. Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I comprising Claims 1-15 drawn to a method and system for reducing engine cycling in a hybrid electric vehicle.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, he is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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